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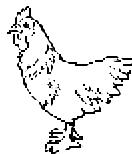
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, as interest centered on more traditional holiday items. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were usually more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly limited to regular commitments. Wings were in fairly good balance and clearing. Other items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/18/02-11/23/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	35.00-57.75	43.25	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	45.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-61.50	41.00-62.50	61.04	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
786	53.85-65.20	61.85

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.50	1,309
BREASTS - B/S	129.00	4,593
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	1,098
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.00	851
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	8,347
WINGS	48.00	3,355

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole fryer market tone remains steady. Whole broiler/fryer offerings were adequate for the very light demand. Retail demand slow. Food service movement was light to good. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes mostly desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breast fully adequate, all other part items adequate to available. Trade sentiment was barely steady on bone in breast and leg items while steady on wings and boneless skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with limited trading as more traditional holiday items received the bulk of interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle current needs. In the parts structure, movement was light. Wings were in a better balance and were clearing satisfactorily. The remaining items were at least adequate for the generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week unchanged from previous levels. Trading reported at mainly unchanged prices for regular commitments with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Sizes trended heavy. Buying interest was only fair as they assess needs for traditional Thanksgiving Day items. Demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover specials. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 55-99, whole cut-up 77, roaster 99, Cornish hen 197, boneless breast 177-229, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 599, boneless leg meat 99, split breast 148-199, whole breast 89, leg quarter 77, leg quarter seasoned 77, leg quarters 10# bag 390-490, leg quarters 40# case 799, wings 69-127, party wings 5# bag IQF 699 and 4# bag IQF 499, thigh 69-169, drumstick 69-169, drumstick 5# bag 195, chicken franks 97-129, chicken bologna 97-129, 8 pieces fried mixed for 499; Northern California - whole body 59-89, boneless breast 399, boneless breast fillets 249, split breast 4# IQF 599, boneless thigh meat 229, drumstick 69, thigh 69-99; Colorado - whole body 99, boneless breast 179, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 899, boneless breast marinated 499, breast tenders 299, boneless tenders 3# bag IQF 899, slit breast 129, chicken franks 99, 8 mixed pieces fried for 449; Arizona - whole body 47-89, duck 179, Cornish hen 18 oz 2 for 500, Cornish hen 22 oz 2 for 500 or 279 each, breast 259-329, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 699-899, breast tenders 399, boneless thigh meat 249-279, split breast 89, leg quarter 47-99, drumstick 69, thigh 69.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and selective while attempting to keep floor stocks in very close balance. Offerings of the 3 pound birds ranged balanced to adequate. The larger sizes were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were better balanced. Tenderloins were readily available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and were more readily available on the heavier weights. 3.0 pound sizes were generally well cleared. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were reduced in several instances and just moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to garner additional buying interest; supplies were adequate. Other cuts were at least adequate for current needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	43-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.61
NO. OF BOXES	7,666
CUMULATIVE	51.34
	11/11/02-11/15/02
	11/12/01-11/16/01
	55.59
NO. OF BOXES	37,464
	11/11/02-11/15/02
	11/12/01-11/16/01
	45,172

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOV 15

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	960	110.00-191.00	113-121		119.57	955	110.00-191.00	113-121		118.54	3,843	119.66
TENDERLOINS	156	105.00-179.00	-		118.79	127	105.00-179.00	-		121.94	565	121.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	61.00-75.00	64-66		66.38	105	65.50-75.00	69-70		70.76	345	70.06
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					234	55.17
LEGS	128	19.00-33.00	19-20		20.50	103	19.00-33.00	19-20		20.86	431	20.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	13.00-18.00	13-14		14.27	466	13.00-18.00	14-15		14.65	1,946	15.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,409	15.00-24.00	17-19		18.51	1,489	15.00-24.00	17-19		18.62	5,595	18.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	43.00-49.00	44-45		47.77	270	43.00-49.00	46-48		47.83	1,111	47.75
WINGS (CUT)	431	53.00-62.00	54-56		56.39	371	53.00-62.00	53-55		56.08	1,760	56.03
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					68	33.00-46.00	-		34.53	273	34.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					108	38.70
B/S THIGHS	60	48.00-57.35	-		51.12	TOO FEW TO REPORT					183	53.11

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR NOV 14, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR NOV 15, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

33.50 - 37.50

35.09

32.50 - 37.00

35.15

35.18

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity remained fair entering the weekend as holiday items became the focal point of the market and dealers held normal commitments in a very close balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained available at discounted levels. Boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient, but were manageable. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were generally sufficient. Tenderloins were fully adequate. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

NOV 14

CURRENT NEG**WTD****VOL/LBS**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	120	123.61	498,820
TENDERLOINS	100-105	105.63	96,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	65.41	180,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	56.92	167,800
LEGS	31-32	30.34	155,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.17	391,299
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	28.27	73,310
THIGHS	20-21	30.27	37,630
B/S THIGHS	62-63	61.77	77,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	46.71	171,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.50	30,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.93	15,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.50	16,000

CURRENT NEG**WTD****VOL/LBS**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	122.81	630,800	124.86	2,001,230
TENDERLOINS	100-105	102.35	112,040	104.53	421,570
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.63	164,800	65.30	1,013,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.33	134,200	59.64	635,000
LEGS	31-32	30.20	266,760	32.05	755,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.83	470,187	17.85	2,188,235
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	26.65	137,389	27.05	559,279
THIGHS	20-21	32.51	57,003	32.40	278,898
B/S THIGHS	62-63	60.95	107,560	60.68	356,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	47.66	136,910	46.32	759,770
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	24,760	12.10	202,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.90	17,600	32.02	75,295
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.62	25,680	62.77	92,110

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/15	11/14	11/13	11/12	11/13	11/12	11/08	11/06
ALA	4,169	4,059	3,978	4,066	5.10	5.16	4,101	5.17
ARK	5,042	5,371	4,965	5,179	4.87	4.97	4,781	4.96
DELMARVA	2,183	2,296	2,330	2,297	5.08	5.15	2,325	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,750	2,019	1,994	1,996	4.68	4.79	2,318	4.79
MISS	2,534	2,899	2,812	2,880	5.45	5.37	2,531	5.38
NC	2,535	2,643	2,426	2,659	6.10	6.24	2,701	6.09
TEXAS	2,464	2,464	2,446	2,409	4.78	4.93	2,541	4.84
TOTAL	20,677	21,751	20,951	21,053	5.13	5.19	21,298	5.19
MON-FRI	105,485(A)						105,907(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Nov 02 and 16-Nov-02 is estimated to be 30,935,000 down 3.21 percent from a week ago and down 8.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,960,000; last year 33,671,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Nov-02 is estimated to be 153,146,000 head down 2 percent from a week ago, and up 1 percent from a year ago

(Last week 155,647,000 Last year 152,275,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	-
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 02-Nov-02 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	30,042	24,223	46,736
Avg Weight	3.82	4.83	6.26
% of total /1	30%	24%	46%

COMPARISONS

Last week	24,024	25,971	42,856
Avg Weight	3.76	4.92	6.16
% of total /1	26%	28%	46%

Same week, yr ago /2	29,586	28,217	44,088
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.23
% of total /1	29%	28%	43%

To date/2002	1,131,956	980,315	1,817,026
To date/2001	1,376,689	1,218,302	1,915,305

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	155,647	1,438	1,548	2,986	369
AVG WT	5.13	3.51	7.89	5.78	6.64
LAST WEEK	155,193	1,697	1,538	3,235	393
SAME WK YR AGO	154,526	1,844	1,431	3,275	502
AVG WT	4.93	3.45	7.82	5.36	6.65
TO-DATE/2002	6,999,610	78,796	63,839	142,635	18,864
TO-DATE/2001	6,940,299	80,516	62,259	142,775	22,673

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.5 million head or 2.2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 12, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70	Silkie	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .78	Pigeons	.85 - 1.25ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .40	White Pigeons	1.10 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .40	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .72	4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.20 - .40	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
4-6 LBS	.40 - .60	Bunnies	1.25 - 4.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	4.50 - 6.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.20 - .30	Goats	15.00 - 20.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.44 - .80	Doves	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	1.75 - 3.00 ea.		
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.10 ea.	Total Coops Sold	440
Leghorn Roosters	.02 - .03		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-NOV-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-61	57-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 11-NOV-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
OCTOBER 5	161.0	157.8	102%
12	160.0	157.3	102%
19	156.9	157.1	100%
26	160.6	157.2	102%
NOVEMBER 2	157.1	156.2	101%
9	157.5	155.3	101%
YEAR TO DATE	7083.5	7119.5	99%
NOVEMBER 16		151.3	
23		146.2	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/16/02	11/09/02	% CHG	11/10/01	% CHG
Broilers	153,146	155,647*	-02	152,275*	+02
Cattle	652	684	-05	661*	-01
Hogs	2,021	2,094	-03	2,055*	-02

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices trended slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies and offerings were in close balance and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 21.5-22	30-36 MAJORITY 31.5-32.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-27.5 MAJORITY 23.5-23.75	32-38 MAJORITY 33-34

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate. Demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced but as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate with demand seasonally moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings adequate.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent hens was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate for current schedules. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS. FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2002.

CAPONS:

Prices to first receivers were unchanged. Supplies were in close balance with anticipated holiday needs. Demand for the upcoming holiday was fairly good. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.53-160.00	MOSTLY	1.57-1.59
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GEESE:

Shipper asking prices were unchanged from prior week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in close balance with trade needs. Product booked for November are being delivered. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Average weights are in a full range.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-8 LBS.	TFEWR	
8-10 LBS.	2.10-2.30	MOSTLY 2.10-2.20
10-12 LBS.	2.10-2.30	MOSTLY 2.10-2.20
12 LBS. AND UP	2.10-2.30	MOSTLY 2.10-2.20

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